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Dear Mr. Shepherd:

DIVISION OF  
OIL GAS & MINING

This letter is to document our discussion with you regarding the permit the State will issue for Mr. Robert Steele's gypsum mine in Gardner Canyon. It is our position that with the current disturbance, the existing road system and the fact that more disturbance would be required before mining of ore could occur, a large mine permit be required. I feel that based on the current size of the disturbed area (4.5 acres) it is not reasonable to issue a small mine permit knowing Mr. Steele's proposed operation. In a very short period of time, he would have to revisit the permit process. Rather than go through the delays of this process at a later date, I feel it is best to address the full scope of his operation now and issue the appropriate permit.

If you should have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mark Sensibaugh at 623-2735.

Sincerely,

*Thomas L. Tidwell*

THOMAS L. TIDWELL  
District Ranger

